

NATIONAL EPA-TRIBAL SCIENCE COUNCIL

Conference Call Summary Monday, November 19, 2012 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time

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Welcome

Monica Rodia, Executive Secretary of the National EPA-Tribal Science Council (TSC), welcomed the members to the teleconference.

October Business Meeting Minutes

Monica reported that the October business meeting minutes had been reviewed, finalized and distributed to the TSC members. She encouraged members who are unable to attend meetings to read the minutes so that they are aware of TSC activities.

Preparation for the Fall Face-to-Face Meeting

Donna Jackson reminded the TSC member that today is the final day to reserve a room at the Tulalip Hotel and that reservations made after the deadline will be on a space-available basis. The logistics materials that the members received provide information about the airport shuttle to the meeting hotel. Tom Baugh asked whether there would be an effort to coordinate arrival times to share rides with those members who are renting cars. Monica asked the members to contact her regarding their arrival times so that matches can be made for rides.

Monica stated that the Tribal Representatives who are attending the meeting must submit their travel preference documents to Troy Rutkofske as soon as possible. Katie Tiger asked whether it was possible to speak to Troy rather than communicate via email. Monica volunteered to send Troy's telephone number to Katie so that she may contact him via telephone rather than email. Monica noted that approximately one-half of the Tribal Representatives' travel arrangements have been made. John Mosley said that he was interested in using the airport shuttle. Monica explained that he could make his reservation online using the information in the logistics document. John will make his reservation as soon as he has received his flight information.

Roll Call

Monica took roll of those present on the teleconference. Adam Baumgart-Getz will be replacing Dennis O'Connor as the representative from the Office of Air and Radiation.

TSC Business

Jeff Mears reported that the Tribal Caucus had met on the previous Thursday and discussed the logistics for the TSC Fall Business Meeting as well as potential ideas for the Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) Training Workshop. The two potential locations are Syracuse, New York, and Lawrence, Kansas (Haskell Indian Nations University).

Patti Tyler will provide information about the new and continued Tribal ecoAmbassador projects during the upcoming face-to-face meeting.

Remarks From TSC Co-Chairs

Jeff noted that Katie Tiger would be serving as the new Tribal Co-Chair. The TSC still has a long way to go, but it is on the right track. He has had an enjoyable experience serving as the Tribal Co-Chair, and he is looking forward to working with Brenda Groskinsky and Katie.

Ted Coopwood agreed that the TSC has come a long way but still has a long way to go. The Council has a solid foundation. Ted felt privileged to have served in the capacity of EPA Co-Chair. Many different

things happen behind the scenes, and he appreciated all of the TSC members' support and hard work. The TSC is in good hands with Brenda and Katie. Brenda will bring a great deal of expertise and regional knowledge to the role which will be beneficial, and Katie will be fantastic in moving the Tribal Caucus forward.

Monica thanked Jeff and Ted for their leadership and friendship. She noted that while all of the members do not agree with everything all of the time, there have been many productive meetings, the Tribal Science Priorities process has improved, and the TSC has many great accomplishments. She thought that Brenda would be a great leader to strengthen regional relationships with the TSC. She looks forward to a productive 2 years with the two new Co-Chairs.

Introduction of New TSC Co-Chairs

Katie said that she was excited for the opportunity to serve as Tribal Co-Chair, and she will rely on Jeff for his expertise. She is looking forward to the TEK Workshop, which will be really beneficial. Monica noted how nicely Katie has grown into the leadership role during her tenure on the TSC. Her great attitude will go a long way.

Brenda said that she is honored to be selected by her colleagues as the EPA Co-Chair, and she is looking forward to working with Katie. She hopes that everyone will read her vision statement, which was written from her heart. The TSC has an enormous amount of accomplishments, and she hopes that the trust that has been fostered among the members continues so that the TSC can continue to further environmental science in Indian Country.

Monica said that Katie and Brenda will chair the upcoming face-to-face meeting in Tulalip, Washington. She explained to the newer members that the Co-Chairs serve simultaneous 2-year terms. The Tribal Co-Chair is determined automatically in reverse order by region number, and the EPA Caucus elects the Agency Co-Chair.

TSC Overview Document

The TSC members continued their discussion from the June 2012 face-to-face meeting and the September 2012 teleconference about revisions made to the document by the Tribal and EPA Caucuses. Kristen LeBaron recorded the new revisions directly into the document, which included the previous tracked changes made by the caucuses.

Announcements

Monica thanked the members for participating and adjourned the conference call at 3:34 p.m.

Action Items

- ✧ The TSC members who are attending the face-to-face meeting will make their hotel reservations as soon as possible.
- ✧ The Tribal Representatives who are attending the face-to-face meeting and have not contacted Troy to arrange their travel will do so as soon as possible.
- ✧ TSC members interested in sharing rides from the airport to the hotel will provide their arrival information to Monica to facilitate ride-sharing.

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FINAL AGENDA

- 2:00 – 2:05 Welcome/Business Meeting Minutes
 - October minutes finalized and distributed
- 2:05 – 2:10 Preparation for the Fall 2012 TSC Business Meeting
 - Dates: December 4–6, 2012, in Seattle, Washington
 - Logistics
 - Make hotel reservations by today
 - Submit travel forms
- 2:10 – 2:15 Roll Call
- 2:15 – 2:30 TSC Business
 - Tribal Caucus Report Out (Jeff Mears)
 - Tribal ecoAmbassadors Orientation (Patti Tyler)* report next month
- 2:30 – 2:40 Remarks From TSC Co-Chairs
 - Jeff Mears
 - Ted Coopwood
- 2:40 – 2:50 Introduction of New TSC Co-Chairs
 - Katie Tiger (Region 4, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians)
 - Brenda Groskinsky (EPA Region 7)
- 2:50 – 3:30 TSC Overview Document
 - Group review of document via Adobe Connect

Next conference call—*January 14, 2012, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. EST*